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TAGS: ZA OVIP (KAUNDA, KENNETH) EFIN EAID UK
SUBJ: KAUNDA'S PLANS TO VISIT UK ON THE WAY TO U.S.

1. PRESIDENT KAUNDA HAS WRITTEN PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN
SUGGESTING THAT HE STOP OVER IN THE UK FOR TALKS ON
MAY 14-15 PRIOR TO HIS ARRIVAL IN THE U.S. ON THE 16TH.
THE BRITISH HAVE NOT YET RESPONDED TO THIS SUGGESTION.

2. KAUNDA'S PROPOSAL FOLLOWS A REQUEST MADE BY FINANCE
MINISTER MWANAKATWE TO THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR
HELP IN SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED ZAMBIAN STANDBY LOAN IN
THE IMF AND IN RESCHEDULING SOME OF ZAMBIA'S DEBTS.
SUBSEQUENTLY MWANAKATWE TOGETHER WITH HIS PERMANENT SECRETARY
AND CENTRAL BANK GOVERNOR MWANANKHIKU TRAVELLED TO THE UK FOR
DISCUSSIONS OF ASSISTANCE LEVELS AND DEBT RESCHEDULING. THE
BRITISH DID NOT ON THIS OCCASION SPECIFY AN ASSISTANCE LEVEL,
PREFERRING TO AWAIT THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING SCHEDULE FOR
JUNE.

3. THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION HERE BELIEVES THAT ZAMBIA'S
FINANCIAL PROBLEMS ARE OF SUCH AN ORDER THAT EVEN WITH
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THE IMF STANDBY IT CANNOT WAIT UNTIL JUNE FOR SUPPLE-
MENTARY COMMITMENTS OF ASSISTANCE FROM FRIENDLY
WESTERN NATIONS. THUS KAUNDA'S VISIT IS INTENDED TO
PRESS THE BRITISH TO COME UP WITH A SPECIFIC COMMIT-
MENT LEVEL FOR FUTURE ASSISTANCE IN ORDER TO CREATE AN
ATMOSPHERE OF CONFIDENCE IN ZAMBIA'S ECONOMIC FUTURE
SUFFICIENT TO GET THINGS MOVING AGAIN. THE NEED FOR

SUCH ACTION BY KAUNDA IS OF COURSE REINFORCED BY THE
UPCOMING ELECTIONS LATER THIS YEAR.
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